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FOLOWING IS THE SECTION ON THE POOREST NATIONS OF

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BEGIN TEXT.

1. ANY STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENTS MUST DEVOTE SPECIAL  
ATTENTION TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES.

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WM THE FATE OF ONE BILLION PEOPLE -- HALF THE DEVELOPING  
WORLD AND A QUARTER OF MANKIND -- DEPENDS ON OUR EFFORTS.  
IN VAST AREAS OF THIS PLANET, POOR DIETS ROB MILLIONS  
OF PRODUCTIVE LEVES, PEOPLE DIE YOUNG, PARENTS CONTINUE  
TO HAVE MANY CHILDREN SO THAT A FEW MAY SURVIVE.

3. FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS, PER CAPITA INCOME IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES -- ALREADY BELOW MINIMAL STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT -- HAS RELENTLESSLY DECLINED. THEIR EXPORTS ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE LEAST DYNAMIC SECTORS OF WORLD DEMAND. THESE COUNTRIES, ON THE SLENDER MARGIN OF EXISTENCE, HAVE BEEN MOST CRUELLY AFFECTED BY THE RISE IN THE COSTS OF OIL, FOOD AND OTHER IMPORTS.

4. WHATEVER ADVERSITY THE REST OF THE MANKIN ENCOUNTERS, THEY SUFFER MOST. WHATEVER PROBLEMS WE HAVE, THEIRS ARE MONUMENTAL. WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR DECISIONS FOR US ALL, THEY ARE AFFECTED MOST SEVERELY. IF GLOBAL PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FALTERS, THEY WILL BE SUBMERGED.

5. THIS CHALLENGE TRANSCENDS IDEOLOGY AND BLOC POLITICS. NO SOCIAL SYSTEM OR PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE CAN TOLERATE A WORLD IN WHICH BARE SURVIVAL IS THE TOTAL PRE-OCCUPATION OF MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS, IN WHICH THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL POTENTIAL OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IS STUNTED, AND IN WHICH WHOLE SOCIETIES PERCEIVE NO HOPE OF PROGRESS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN. NO GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HAS MEANING UNLESS THE POOR HALF OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD IS GIVEN A GENUINE OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT. NO INTERNATIONAL ORDER CAN BE CONSIDERED JUST UNLESS ONE OF ITS FUNDAMENTAL GOALS TO LIFT THE HORIZONS OF THE POOREST. NOR OVER THE LONG TERM CAN THE VALUES THAT WE CHERISH IN OUR OWN COUNTRIES THRIVE IN A WORLD OF DESPAIR.

6. THIS CHALLENGE HAS TWO DIMENSIONS. WE MUST LOOK TO ELEMENTAL ECONOMIC SECURITY AND THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF SUFFERING. AND WE MUST GIVE PREFERENCE TO THESE COUNTRIES' NEEDS FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

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UM FIRST, SECURITY MEANS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT FOR THE POOREST COUNTRIES DURING PERIODS OF ADVERSITY. FOR THEM GLOBAL RECESSIONS AND WIDE SWINGS IN PRICES OF KEY COMMODITIES HAVE A PARTICULARLY DISASTROUS IMPACT. YET THESE COUNTRIES HAVE VERY LITTLE ACCESS TO SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM CAPITAL TO HELP THEM WATHER BAD TIMES. THE LITTLE FINANCE TO WHICH THEY HAVE ACCESS OFTEN INVOLVES INTEREST RATES THAT ARE TOO HIGH CONSIDERING THEIR CHRONIC DEBT REPAYMENT PROBLEMS.

8. TO PROVIDE GREATER BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT AT MORE ACCEPTABLE RATES OF INTEREST FOR THE POOR NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES LAST NOVEMBER PROPOSED A TRUST IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND OF UP TO \$2 BILLION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF. ALTHOUGH THIS PROPOSAL MET

WITH WIDE SUPPORT, IT HAS BEEN STALLED BY A DISPUTE OVER AN UNRELATED ISSUE -- THE ROLE OF GOLD IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. WE CANNOT LET THIS DELAY CONTINUE. THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD THE MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS AT THE IMF MEETINGS NOW UNDERWAY. IF OTHERS MEET US IN THIS SAME SPIRIT, WE COULD REACH A CONSENSUS ON THE TRUST FUND BY THE NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY.

9. SECONDLY, SECURITY REQUIRES TABLE EXPORT EARNINGS. THE NEW IMF FACILITY THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TODAY CAN PROVIDE MAJOR NEW ECONOMIC INSURANCE FOR THE POOREST. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS (NOTE: WE'VE ASKED WASHINGTON TO SPECIFY) THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONVERT THEIR LOANS FROM THE NEW FACILITY INTO OUTRIGHT GRANTS, TO OFFSET SHARP DECLINES IN EXPORT EARNING.

10. THIRDLY, SECURITY MEANS HAVING ENOUGH TO EAT. THERE MUST BE DETERMINED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON FOOD.

-- THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SET A TARGET OF 10 MILLION TONS OF FOOD AID ANNUALLY. THIS FISCAL YEAR THE UNITED STATES FOOD AID BUDGET WILL PROVIDE FOR ALMOST SIX MILLION TONS OF FOOD-GRAINS -- SIXTY  
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PERCENT OF THE WORLD TARGET, AND A TWENTY PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR. OTHER PRODUCERS MUST ALSO PROVIDE THEIR SHARE.

-- ANOTHER PRIORITY IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES MUST BE TO REDUCE THE TRAGIC WASTE OF LOSSES AFTER HARVEST FROM INADEQUATE STORAGE, TRANSPORT, AND PEST CONTROL. THERE ARE OFTEN SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE TECHNIQUES TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. INVESTMENT IN SUCH AREAS AS BETTER STORAGE AND PESTICIDES COULD HAVE A RAPID AND SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON THE WORLD'S FOOD SUPPLY -- INDEED THE SAVING COULD MATCH THE TOTAL OF ALL THE FOOD AID BEING GIVEN AROUND THE WORLD. THEREFORE WE URGE THAT THE FAO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE WORLD BANK, SET A GOAL OF CUTTING IN HALF THESE POST-HARVEST LOSSES BY 1985, AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO THIS END.

(NOTE TO HAK: WE DID NOT MOVE THE PARAGRAPH ON FOOD PRODUCTION UP HERE BECAUSE THEY CONCERN GROWTH, THE SECOND THEME OF THIS SECTION, WHILE FOOD AID AND HARVEST LOSSES CONCERN SECURITY, THE FIRST THEME.)1

11. FINALLY, SECURITY MEANS GOOD HEALTH AND EASING

THE STRAINS OF POPULATION GROWTH. DISEASE RAVAGES THE POOREST COUNTRIES MOST OF ALL AND EXACTS A DEVASTATING ECONOMIC AS WELL AS HUMAN COST. AT THE SAME TIME WE FACE THE STARK REALITY THAT THERE WILL BE TWICE AS MANY PEOPLE TO FEED BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY AS THERE ARE TODAY. ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING APPROACHES TO THESE PROBLEMS IS THE INTEGRATED DELIVERY OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL, COMBINING MEDICAL TREATMENT, FAMILY PLANNING, AND NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION AND USING LOCALLY TRAINED PARA-MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT A MAJOR EXPANSION OF THE EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERWAY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, TO DEVELOP AND APPLY THESE METHODS. WE STRONGLY URGE THE HELP OF ALL CONCERNED NATIONS. (QUERY TO WASHINGTON: WHO ELSE IS MAKING THESE EFFORTS BESIDES WHO?)  
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12. PROGRAMS TO ACHIEVE MINIMUM ECONOMIC SECURITY, HOWEVER ESSENTIAL, ARE ONLY PALLIATIVES. WE MUST HELP THE POOREST NATIONS BREAK OUT OF THEIR PRESENT STAGNATION TOWARD ECONOMIC GROWTH. THIS MEANS FIRST OF ALL THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE PREFERENTIAL ACCESS TO OFFICIAL, CONCESSIONARY FINANCIAL AID. THEY HAVE THE LEAST DYNAMIC EXPORTS, BUT THEY LACK THE CAPITAL TO DEVELOP NEW ONES. THEY HAVE THE DIREST NEED FOR FINANCING, BUT THEY HAVE NO ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS AND LITTLE ABILITY TO CARRY GREATER DEBT.

13. THE DUTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF THE POOREST FALLS FIRST ON THE RICHEST. ALL NATIONS WITH THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY MUST SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY. MORE THAN SEVENTY PERCENT OF OUR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GOES TO LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES. MORE THAN SIXTY PERCENT OF THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED PROGRAMS IS DEVOTED TO FOOD AND NUTRITION, WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE POOREST.

14. THE SPECIAL FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES CAN BE MET PARTICULARLY BY EXPANDED, LOW-INTEREST LOANS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE WORLD BANK GROUP IS A PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENT WHOSE GREAT POTENTIAL HAS NOT BEEN FULLY REALIZED. THE UNITED STATES WILL JOIN OTHERS IN A SUBSTANTIAL REPLENISHMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE IDA, PROVIDED THAT THE OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES ALSO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION.

15. AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINED GROWTH IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES MUST INCLUDE A MASSIVE

INCREASE IN THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. FOR  
EXTERNAL FOOD AID CANNOT POSSIBLE FILL THEIR NEEDS.  
THE CURRENT GAP BETWEEN WHAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
NEED AND WHAT THEY CAN PRODUCE THEMSELVES IS  
15 MILLION TONS; AT PRESENT RATES OF GROWTH, THE  
GAP IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE OR TRIPLE WITHIN THE NEXT  
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DECADE. FAILURE TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE WILL DOOM  
MUCH OF THE WORLD TO HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AND  
ALL OF THE WORLD TO PERIODIC SHORTAGES AND HIGHER  
PRICES.

16. TRADITIONAL BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS TO BOOST  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REMAIN INDISPENSABLE.  
PRESIDENT FORD IS ASKING CONGRESS FOR AUTHORIZATION  
TO DOUBLE BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE NEXT  
YEAR TO \$582 MILLION. WE URGE THE OTHER AFFLUENT  
NATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL.

17. CLEARLY A MASSIVE PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION IS ALSO REQUIRED. MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED  
TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL YIELDS, MAKE MORE EFFICIENT  
USE OF FERTILIZER, AND FIND BETTER FARM MANAGEMENT  
TECHNIQUES. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION  
EXCHANGE ARE NEEDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND FOR  
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE. BETTER SYSTEMS OF WATER CONTROL,  
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT ARE NEEDED TO TAP  
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' VAST RESERVES OF LAND,  
WATER AND MANPOWER.

18. TO MOBILIZE MASSIVE NEW CONCESSIONAL RESOURCES  
FOR THESE PURPOSES, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THE  
EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME  
TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WILL SEEK AUTHORIZATION OF A DIRECT  
CONTRIBUTION THIS FISCAL YEAR OF \$200 MILLION TO THE  
FUND - ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT OTHERS WILL ADD THEIR  
SUPPORT FOR A COMBINED GOAL OF AT LEAST ONE BILLION  
DOLLARS. (QUERY TO WASHINGTON: DO WE STILL NEED THIS  
QUALIFICATION?)

19. THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT CAN BE THE MAJOR SOURCE OF NEW CAPITAL  
TO ATTACK THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF THE POOREST  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES URGES THE  
WORLD COMMUNITY TO GIVE IT PROMPT AND MAJOR SUPPORT.

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